

2010 Winter Board

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Greetings from the 2010 Winter National Board! I will be posting updates throughout the meeting to this article. Please note - these are my personal notes for sharing with the members of the SC wing and are not official minutes of the Board.

Thursday - Legislative Day

Col. Hartsell Rogers, C/Capt Sarah Sill, and I visited Capitol Hill yesterday representing both the South Carolina Wing and Civil Air Patrol to our state's Congressional Delegation. Our delegation is supportive of CAP and was receptive to the issues that we presented.

Friday - National Board Meeting

14:02 - Safety - Our aircraft accidents and bodily injuries are up this year. NHQ is emphasizing (and so will we) appointing outstanding people in the safety and standardization/evaluation positions. We will ensure that staff in these positions will enforce the rules and demand that others do the same. This is a matter of trust to ourselves and to the public.

14:13 - Missions - The total number of hours for SAR is down 24% for FY09. Technology such as cell-phone triangulation and 406 ELT's are reducing the amount of time needed to locate our targets. Total aircraft hours are up 11%.

14:18 - Cadet Programs - Membership is up 10.7%. Outstanding! Online testing for cadets is on the way.

14:29 - Volunteer Now - 30,000 hits a month! <http://www.capvolunteernow.com>.

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14:33 - Finances - CAP received our first Unqualified Audit. The consolidated finance system has greatly increased our accountability and will allow us to seek more funding opportunities.

14:37 - Aircraft/Vehicles - Expect to buy 38 new vehicles and 13 aircraft in FY10.

14:39 - Information Systems - New membership database system coming. Conversion to ORMS is going well. All inventory records (except hand receipts) are filed online.

15:34 - Air Force Association - <http://www.afa.org> - AFA and CAP are partners in supporting the Air Force. AFA is the creator of the CyberPatriot program and is glad that CAP cadets are participants. They hope more units are involved next year.

16:04 - Support Section Reports

On-line Systems - BlackBoard will be used for more training. Aircraft scheduling is in beta testing. Scheduling will be tied to WMIRS. More tools for mission management are also on the way.

Professional Development - Basic Officer Course is a hit! There is a long waiting list, so please go ahead and sign up if you need to take the course.

Aerospace Education - New CAPP 215 is on the way.

Marketing - Still looking for a marketing advisor.

Public Affairs - New PAO speciality track is in coordination. Additional workshops are planned

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for 2010. Mission Information Officer training will be provided at NESA.

State Legislative Team - Working to develop training for legislative officers.

Cadet Programs - Looking to expand relationships with other youth organizations. Over 2500 applications have been submitted for National Cadet Special Activities.

16:22 - Operations Report

Standardization/Evaluation - The National Check Pilot Standardization Course will go live this month.

CAPR 60-1 - A review is under way mainly to address G1000 equipped aircraft.

CAPR 60-3 - 60-3 & 60-6 will be combined in 60-3. A draft is in process.

Gliders - Gliders will be grouped in to "Centers of Excellence". We are advocating to establish one in SC.

Air Cards while Airborne - Working to get the use of air cards approved in our aircraft.

GPS Aircraft Tracking - GPS tracking is being tested in NYWG.

15:05 - Board is in recess. We will take up the topic of uniform changes in the morning.

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Saturday - National Board Meeting

9:05 - Agenda Item 3a - Would require uniform changes to be forwarded through the chain of command and processed/recommended by the Uniform Committee. The National Commander would be the approving authority of the committee's recommendation. An amendment was proposed, but the board requested that a written copy be provided after lunch.

9:18 - Agenda Item 4a - All comments concerning draft regulations will be provided to the members of the NB for review before final release.

10:28 - Agenda Item 4d - Amended - National HQ will present a report of the process of regulation revisions and a review of the oldest regulations.

11:05 - Agenda Item 4e - Paper forms which duplicate information contained in NHQ databases are no longer required.

11:24 - Agenda Items 5a,b,e,f,g,h,i - Referred to the Governance Committee.

11:30 - Agenda Item 5c - Referred to committee/legal staff.

11:54 - Agenda Item 5d - All corporate officers must be rescreened upon appointment.

13:33 - Prayer for the earthquake victims in Chile and safety from the tsunami from Pacific Region.

13:36 - Agenda Item 5j - SAV open items will be included into the upcoming CI and no longer

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have to closed as a separate process. A

13:39 - Agenda Item 3a - Establishes a Uniform Committee to review uniform changes. Uniform changes will be submitted through the chain of command and proposed changes once finalized will be posted for comment for 30-days before approval. There will be a two-year moratorium on all uniform changes extending through the 2012 Winter Board.

14:13 - Agenda Items 3b-g - Referred to the new uniform committee.

14:20 - Safety Briefing - All tires should be replaced at 6 years of age - not 6 years of use and regardless of treadwear!! CAP will deploy a Safety Management System.

14:54 - Agenda Item 6b - Referred to National Staff for study.

15:34 - Agenda Item 7a - Limited OPSEC Waiver - AEM, Honorary, and Patron members as well as legislative members not participating in active missions are excluded from OPSEC training.

15:39 - Agenda Item 7b - Single Qualification Record - Passed!

15:43: - Agenda Item 7c - Stan/Eval Changes

a. National Stan/Eval will conduct teleconferences with Region DOV's.

b. AF Training funds may be used to provide checkrides to all pilots.

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- c. Wing commanders will receive more training about the Stan/Eval program.

- d. Additional tasks will be added to checkrides for cadet orientation pilots. Also, these pilots will take the orientation pilot test every four years.

- e. Region DOV's will provide checkrides for Wing DOV's.

- f. Region/Wing DOV's will provide no-notice checks of check pilots and instructor pilots.

- g. Region DOV's will conduct teleconferences with Wing DOV's.

- h. Wing DOV's will host check pilot meetings at least once a year.

- i. NHQ will develop a system for confidentially reporting questionable pilot practices.

15:55 - Agenda Item 8i - Photo ID's - NHQ is looking to develop picture ID's for all senior members. It will require a photo for each senior member.

New Business

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1. A motion was approved to establish a Diversity Committee.
2. A motion was defeated to establish term-limits and selection guidelines for national teams and committees.